

HISTORIC LEWES BYWAY: Gateway to the Bayshore

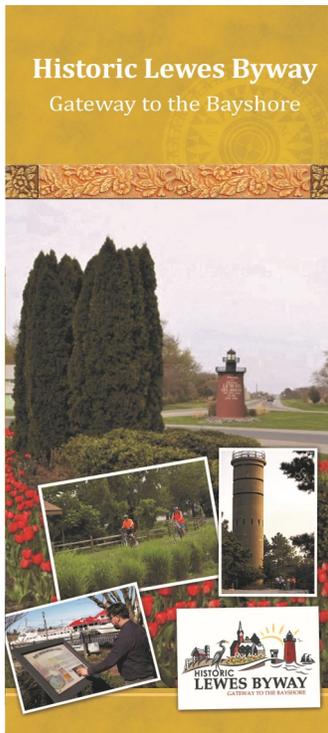
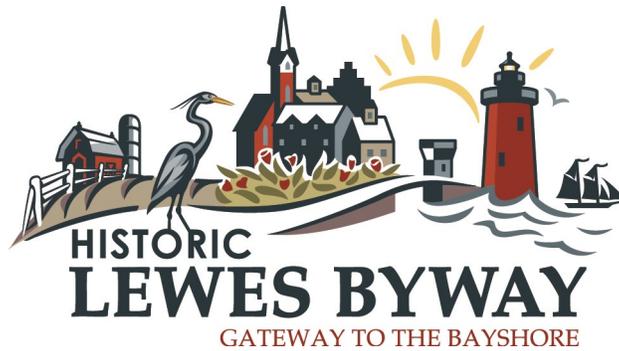
A Tour of Historic Architecture



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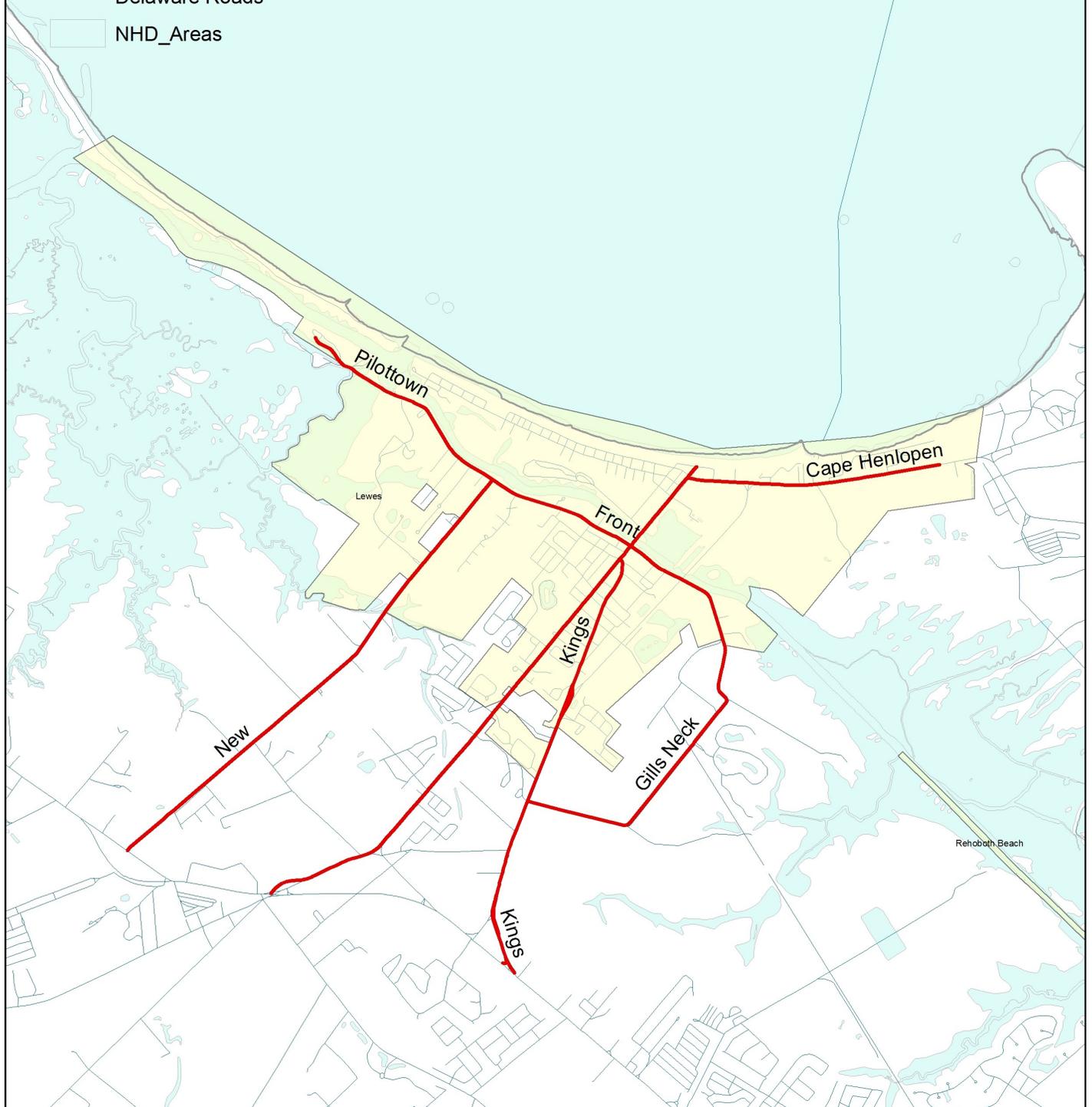
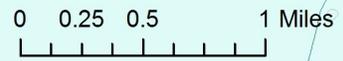
A road or track not following a main route; a minor road or path.

The Historic Lewes, Gateway to the Bayshore, Byway celebrates the First Town in the First State, the 382-year history of Lewes, from the first settlement at Zwaanendael to the present day, can be explored through six gateway roads from the land and sea: Kings Highway, Savannah Road, New Road, Pilottown Road/ Front Street, Gills Neck Road, and Cape Henlopen Drive. This interconnected system of roads,

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Lewes





Segment 1: Kings Highway

Kings Highway is 1.5 miles long and guides travelers through the Kings Highway Historic District to downtown historic Lewes. This segment features many outstanding examples of Delaware architecture and several buildings that highlight the unique history of Lewes, including the Zwaanendael Museum and the Fisher-Martin House.

Image: Kings Highway Historic District, Center for Historic Architecture and Design

Kings Highway



1. Zwaanendael Museum ⊕

102 Kings Highway

Dutch Revival, 1931

Two stories, three bays, brick; crow-stepped gable roof with two crow-stepped dormers and a statue of Peter Minit, head of the Zwaanendael colony, at the gable peak; casement windows with decorative wood shutters; wood paneled door with wood transom and stonework surround.

https://history.delaware.gov/zm_main/



2. Colonel David Hall House ⊕

107 Kings Highway

c. 1790

Two-and-a-half stories, five bays, frame with wood shingle siding; gable roof with three interior brick chimneys; double hung sash windows with wood louvered shutters; wood paneled door with pediment and moulded wood trim.



3. Fisher-Martin House ⊕

120 Kings Highway

c. 1730

One-and-a-half stories, three bays, frame with wood clapboard siding; gambrel roof with interior brick chimney; wood plank door; double hung sash wood windows; period-authentic herb garden; home to the Lewes Chamber of Commerce visitors center.

<https://www.visitdelaware.com/listings/fisher-martin-house/201/>



4. Lewes Presbyterian Church ⊕

133 Kings Highway

Gothic Revival, c. 1832

Two stories, one bay, frame with cedar shingles; three-story tower and belfry with single and triple louvered lancet windows; stained glass lancet windows; paired wood panel doors with three-light transom and side-lights; cemetery dating to the eighteenth century.



5. Coleman House ⊕

422 Kings Highway

1815

Two stories, seven bays, frame with cypress shingles; side gable roof with box cornice, two gable dormers, and three interior brick chimneys; double hung sash wood windows with batten shutters; wood panel door with three-light transom; consists of two dwellings joined together



6. Hitchens House

431 Kings Highway

1730

Two stories, three bays, frame with wood shingles; side gable roof with two shed roof dormers and one exterior brick end chimney; double hung sash wood windows with louvered shutters; wood panel door with louvered shutters.



Segment 2: Savannah Road

Savannah Road is 2.25 miles long and leads travelers north from downtown Lewes across the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal to Lewes Beach. The Savannah Road Bridge provides the opportunity for a scenic overlook of the canal. Savannah Road intersects many roads in downtown Lewes that feature historic architecture, including Second Street, and is the most traveled of the gateway roads.

Image: View of Lewes and Rehoboth Canal from Savannah Road Bridge, Center for Historic Architecture and Design

Savannah Road– Part of the Lewes Historic District



1. 401-407 Savannah Road ⊕

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1900

The two-and-a-half, brick Italianate row houses located at the corner of fourth street and Savannah Road are the only examples of this housing type in Lewes.



2. Zwaanendael Club ⊕

302 Savannah Road

1897

The Zwaanendael Club was constructed as a bank in 1897, and was purchased by the Lewes chapter of the Century Club for use as a club house in 1930. The one-and-a-half story, brick classical revival building was the site of Lewes' first lending library. It is now owned by the Lewes Historical Society and serves as the museum store.

<https://www.gfwczwaanendael.org/history>



3. 210 Savannah Road ⊕

210 Savannah Road

C.1900

302 Savannah road is two-and-a-half-story, three-bay, side-passage, frame, Queen Anne dwelling clad in wood shingles and clapboard, with faux half timbering and gable scrollwork on the south-east (façade) and southwest gables. It serves as an example of other frame Queen Anne dwellings located throughout the Lewes Historic District.

Second Street– Part of the Lewes Historic District



4. Hotel Rodney ☼

142 Second Street

1926

Three stories, three bays, brick; paired double hung sash windows; picture windows with 42-light transoms; paired doors with transoms.

<https://www.hotelrodneydelaware.com/>



5. St. Peter's Episcopal Church ☼

200 Second Street

Gothic Revival, 1848-1858

One-and-a-half stories, three bays, brick; gable roof with central three-story bell tower with spire and an exterior brick chimney; lancet stained glass windows; double wood plank doors with ornate strap hinges; congregation founded in 1681. The cemetery is open to visitors

<http://stpeterslewes.org/>



6. Ryves Holt House ☼

218 Second Street

c. 1665

Four bays, two stories, frame with wood shingles; corrugated metal side gable roof with central interior parged brick chimney; double-hung sash windows; two-light wood door; thought to be the oldest extant frame house in continuous use in Delaware; visitors center for the Lewes Historical Society; part of the First State National Historical Park.

<https://www.visitdelaware.com/listings/ryves-holt-house/367/>



Segment 3: New Road

New road is the northernmost land gateway to the Lewes Byway. It is 2.8 miles long and features scenic marshlands and waterways that drain into the Delaware Bay. While New Road's strength is its large areas of preserved marshland, it hosts a wealth of early 20th century structures including the extant features related to the town of Nassau. This segment takes travelers north into Lewes, ending at the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal.

Image: view of Canary Creek from Canary Creek Bridge, Center for Historic Architecture and Design

New Road



1. Best Grocery and Feed Mill

16913 New Road

1933

The former Best Grocery Store and Feed Mill is at the intersection of New and Nassau Roads. It is a heavily altered, two-story, frame structure. It once housed a grocery store, which sold feed and carriages. It still has commercial spaces and contains a yoga studio, bakery, and distillery.



2. Supplee-Will-Jones Cold Storage Building

16913 New Road

C. 1910

One-story, eight-bay, Flemish bond brick structure with a side gable roof. A large metal copula is located at the center of the roofline. The windows have been sealed with concrete. The building was a cold storage building for milk, and once had two other structures for shipping.



3. Nassau Orchards Farmhouse

16852 New Road

c. 1910

Three-bay, two and a half-story frame dwelling with a side gable roof. The dwelling is part of a large complex which includes, sheds, barns and additional worker dwellings. The complex was once surrounded by the Nassau Orchard. It is representative of many agricultural tenant farms on New Road.

New Road



4. Best Tomato Canning Factory

16861 New Road

1926

One-story, eighteen bay, frame building with a concrete block foundation. The structure was part of a larger canning complex that had grain elevators, silos, and other processing facilities. The structure now houses a pest control company.



5. Black Hog Farm

16371 New Road

C.1910

Three-bay, two and a half-story frame dwelling with a side gable roof, and two dormers on the roofline. Black Hog Farm is a bed and breakfast and working farm. Visitors can pick their own fruit or visit the farm market.



6. Pagan Creek Dike

At Canary Creek Bridge

c. 1670

The Pagan Creek Dike is one of the oldest surviving road structures in Delaware, because it has been abandoned since Colonial times, it has remained virtually unchanged. The dike was built by the Dutch settlers to connect the West India Company fort with the hinterland beyond Pagan Creek. Archaeological sectioning has revealed that the causeway is built in the Dutch, rather than the English, fashion, with a sand foundation.

New Road



7. Ice House Bait and Tackle

110 New Road

C.1940

Two-story, three bay, cement block, building, with a flat roof. The far right bay is comprised of three large truck bays with metal roll top doors. The Ice house bait and tackle is the former Lewes Ice Plant, and is the second building the company built, allowing them to increase production from 5,000 tons of ice a day to 15,000 tons. It is now a bait and tackle shop, and a boat storage facility.



Segment 4: Pilottown Road/Front Street

Pilottown Road/Front Street is 1.8 miles long and runs parallel to the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal to the intersection at Savannah Road. The University of Delaware College of Marine and Earth Sciences campus is located at the furthest end of Pilottown Road, opposite the Roosevelt Inlet. Next to the campus is the Lewes Dairy, one of the last surviving dairies in Sussex County that has been locally owned for several generations.

Approaching downtown Lewes, Pilottown Road becomes Front Street after the intersection at Shipcarpenter Street. This segment provides travelers with further scenic views of the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal.

Pilottown Road



1. Lightship Overfalls Maritime Museum ⊕

219 Pilottown Road

1938

Steel double-hulled vessel; 116 feet long; high bow and rounded stern for maximum stability; 8-cylinder, 300 horsepower engine; decommissioned in 1973; Formerly known as the Lightship WLV 539; designated a National Historic Landmark in 2011.

<http://www.overfalls.org/>



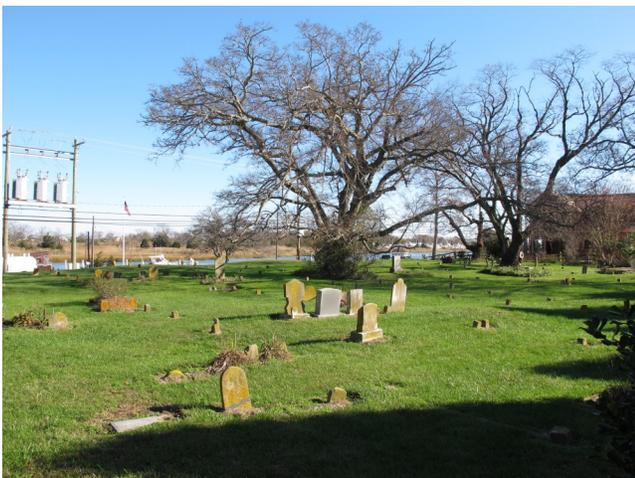
2. Lewes Life-Saving Station Boathouse

219 Pilottown Road

c. 1884

One story, three bays, frame with wood plank siding; front gable roof; double hung sash windows; wood plank doors; moved to current location in 1978.

<https://www.historiclewes.org/buildings/lewes-life-saving-station>



3. St. George's AME Cemetery

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374 Pilottown Road

Cemetery, c. 1860

Four-acre site with large, mature trees in the center and smaller trees and shrubs scattered throughout; rows of gravestones marked by small stone markers; burial ground for St. George's African Methodist Episcopal Church.



4. William Russell House ⊕

410 Pilottown Road

Vernacular, c. 1803

Two-and-a-half stories, five bays, frame with wood shingle siding; side gable roof with wood shingles and an exterior brick chimney; one-story wraparound porch with square posts; double hung sash windows with wood louvered shutters on the first floor.



5. Thomas Maul House ⊕

542 Pilottown Road

c. 1730

One-and-a-half stories, three bays, frame with cypress shingles; gambrel roof with one shed roof dormer and one interior brick end chimney; double hung sash windows; wood plank door.



6. Fisher's Paradise/Paradise Point

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624 Pilottown Road

c. 1780

Two stories, three bays, frame with wood shingles; side gable roof with central interior brick chimney and two gable roof dormers; double hung sash wood windows with paneled wood shutters; paired wood panel doors with transom covered by gable roof porch.

Front Street



7. Cannonball House

117-119 Front Street

c. 1760

Two-and-a-half stories, four bays, frame with wood shingle siding; side gable roof with two interior brick chimneys at gable ends; double hung sash windows with wood paneled and louvered shutters; wood paneled door with triangular pediment and pilasters; 3 pound cannonball lodged in foundation from the British bombardment of Lewes during the War of 1812

<https://www.historiclewes.org/buildings/cannonball-house>



Segment 5: Gills Neck Road

Gills Neck Road is 2.5 miles long and runs parallel to the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal, opposite the Savannah Road Bridge from Pilottown/Front Street. This segment provides some of the most scenic vistas of the canal and part of the Lewes Historic District. The Junction and Breakwater Trail, popular with cyclists and hikers, intersects Gills Neck Road.

Image: View of Lewes and Rehoboth Canal from Gills Neck Road, Center for Historic Architecture and Design



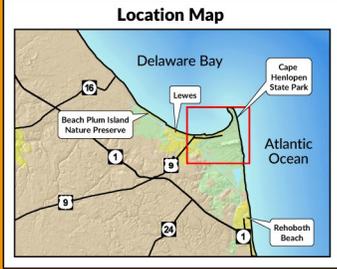
Segment 6: Cape Henlopen Drive

Cape Henlopen Drive is 1.5 miles long and runs parallel to Lewes Beach from Savannah Road. From the road, travelers can enjoy views of Lewes Beach and the Delaware Bay. The Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminus on Cape Henlopen Drive serves as a harbor and tourist center from which travelers can cross the Delaware Bay to Cape May, New Jersey. This segment ends in Cape Henlopen State Park, a preserved 7000 acres of wildlife and beaches.

<https://destateparks.com/Beaches/CapeHenlopen>

Images: Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminus, Cape Henlopen State Park, Center for Historic Architecture and Design

Cape Henlopen State Park



- Legend**
- Open Park Land
 - Forested Park Land
 - Water
 - Restricted Area
 - Building
 - Parking
 - Municipalities
 - Jetties
 - Parking
 - Information
 - Restrooms
 - Showers/Bath House
 - Food Concession
 - Picnic Pavilion
 - Recycling Center
 - Dump Station
 - Cabins
 - Tent Camping
 - Primitive Youth Camp
 - Kayak Rental
 - Surf Fishing
 - Swimming Area (Guarded Beach)
 - Playground
 - Trail Head
 - Air Pumping Station
 - Umbrella Rental
 - Lighthouse
 - Scenic Overlook
 - Disc Golf
 - Basketball Courts
 - Amphitheater
 - Observation Tower
 - WWII Artillery Site
 - Hawk Watch
 - Horseback Riding (Seasonal)
 - Bike Repair Station
- Trails and Pathways**
- American Discovery Trail
 - Bike Loop (3.3mi.)
 - Gordons Pond Trail (3.2mi.)
 - Junction & Breakwater Trail (5.8 mi.)
 - Lewes-Georgetown-Cape Henlopen Rail with Trail
 - Pinelands Nature Trail (1.5mi.)
 - Seaside Nature Trail (0.7mi.)
 - Walking Dunes Trail (2.6mi.)
 - Salt Marsh Spur (1.2mi.)
 - Connector Trail
 - Beach Vehicle Crossing
 - Pedestrian Beach Crossing
 - Share the Road

Park Information

15099 Cape Henlopen Dr. Lewes, DE 19958
 Park Office: (302) 645-8983
 Campground Office: (302) 645-2103 Nature Center: (302) 645-6852
 Campground Reservations: 1-877-98-PARKS
 www.delstateparks.com



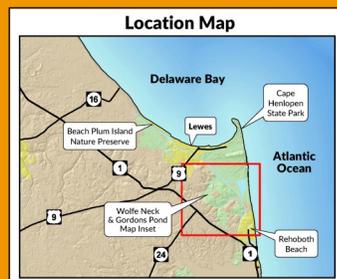
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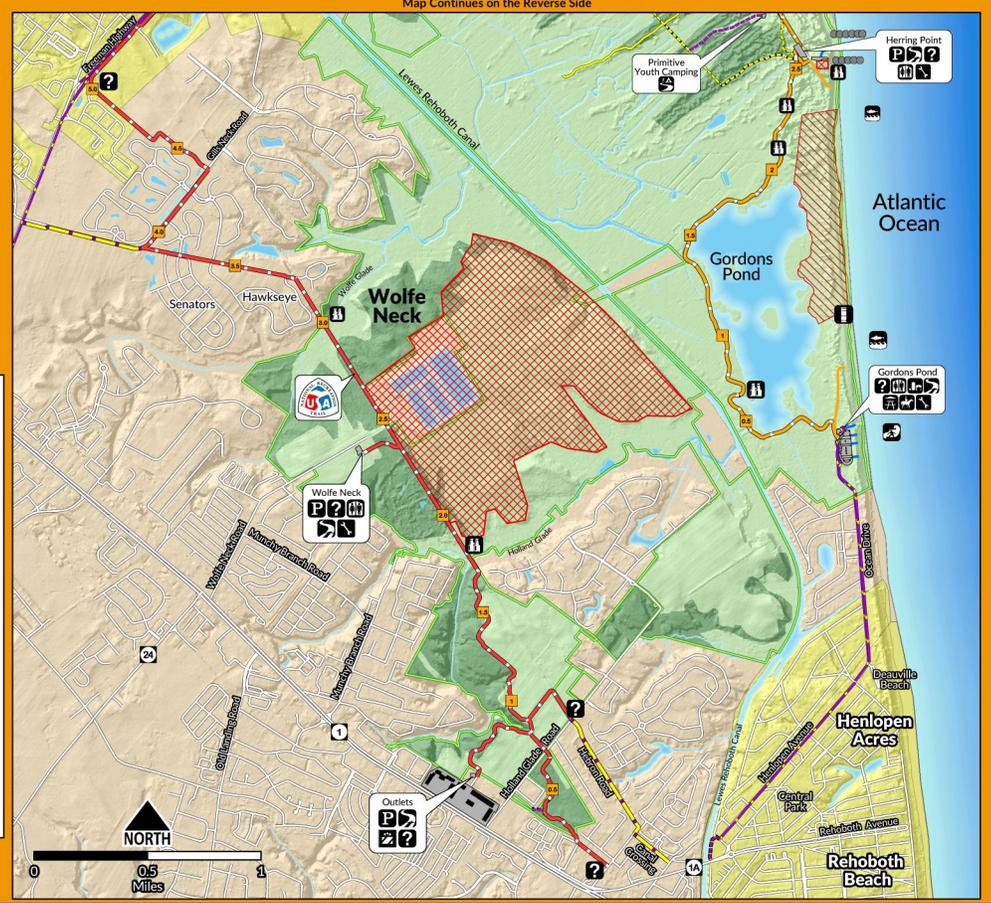
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 - Municipal Parks
 - Restricted Area
 - Seasonal Closure (March 1 to September 1)
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 - Information
 - Restrooms
 - Mile Markers
 - Food Concession (Seasonal)
 - Primitive Youth Camping
 - Shopping
 - Picnic Pavilion
 - Surfing
 - Surf Fishing
 - Trail Head
 - Scenic Overlook
 - Horseback Riding (Seasonal)
 - Observation Tower
 - Bike Repair Station
- Trails and Pathways**
- Gordons Pond Trail (3.2mi.)
 - Junction & Breakwater Trail (5.8mi.)
 - Multi-use Pathway and Sidewalk
 - Salt Marsh Spur (1.2mi.)
 - Walking Dunes Trail (2.6mi.)
 - Connector Trail
 - Share the Road
 - Pedestrian Beach Crossing
 - Beach Vehicle Crossing
 - National Recreation Trail

Trails and Pathways

*The Gordons Pond Beach Vehicle



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Cape Henlopen Drive



1. Old Coast Guard Station

41 Cape Henlopen Drive

Two-and-a-half-stories, five bays, frame; central observation tower; side gable roof with three gable dormers and interior and exterior brick chimneys; double hung sash windows with louvered shutters; single door with transom covered by front gabled porch; land base for out-of-town pilots maintained by the Pilots' Association for the Bay and River Delaware.



2. Fort Miles Historic District ⊕

Cape Henlopen State Park

1940-1945

Active 1941-1958; consists of 16 major caliber weapons, bunkers, barracks to house 2200 soldiers, administration buildings, observation towers, and a pier; second largest coastal fortification in the United States at the time of its construction.

<http://fortmiles.org/>



3. Delaware Breakwater East End Lighthouse ⊕

Cape Henlopen State Park

1885

49 feet tall; conical shaped; brick with cast-iron plates; deactivated in 1996.

<https://www.capewatertaxi.com/narrated-tours/east-end-lighthouse-tour/>



Lewes Historical Society Historic Campus

Lewes Historical Society Historic Campus is located between Second and Third Streets at 110 Shipcarpenter Street. Docent-led walking tours are available from April to October. For more information, visit:

historiclewes.org

The Campus is home to 9 historic buildings, each helping to tell one piece of the rich, diverse history of Lewes from its settlement in 1631 to the present. The Campus also demonstrates the city's commitment to preservation and education.

Image: Lewes Historical Society Historic Campus, Center for Historic Architecture and Design

Lewes Historical Society Campus

110 Shipcarpenter Street <https://www.historiclewes.org/>



1. Midway School #178 ⊗

Gothic Revival

c. 1890

One story, one bay, frame with octagonal wood shingles and wood clapboard siding; gable roof with wood shingles; double hung sash windows with wood paneled shutters; wood plank door; three wood steps leading to brick walkway.



2. Rabbit's Ferry House ⊗

Colonial

1741

Two stories, three bays, frame with cedar shake siding; side gable roof with an exterior brick chimney at either gable end and a shed roof dormer; double hung sash windows with wood paneled shutters on the first floor; wood panel door with plain trim.



3. Ellegood House ⊗

Vernacular

c. 1800

One-and-a-half stories, three bays, frame with beaded wood clapboard siding; gable roof with one interior brick chimney; double hung sash windows with wood plank shutters on the first floor; wood plank doors; connected via covered walkways to the Blacksmith Shop and the Thompson Country Store.



4. Thompson Country Store

Vernacular

c. 1800

One-and-a-half stories, three bays, frame with clapboard siding; gable roof with shed roof addition and one interior brick chimney; double hung sash windows with wood plank shutters; wood plank doors; connected via covered walkway to the Ellegood House and the Blacksmith Shop.



5. Burton-Ingram House

Colonial

c. 1800

Two-and-a-half stories, three bays, frame with wood shake siding; side gable roof with an interior brick chimney; double hung sash windows with wood paneled shutters; wood door with wood paneled shutters.



6. Hiram Rodney Burton House

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Federal

c. 1780

Two-and-a-half stories, five bays, frame with cypress shingle siding; side gable roof with an interior brick chimney at either gable end; double hung sash windows with wood paneled shutters; central wood paneled door with broken pediment and one-light side-light pilasters.

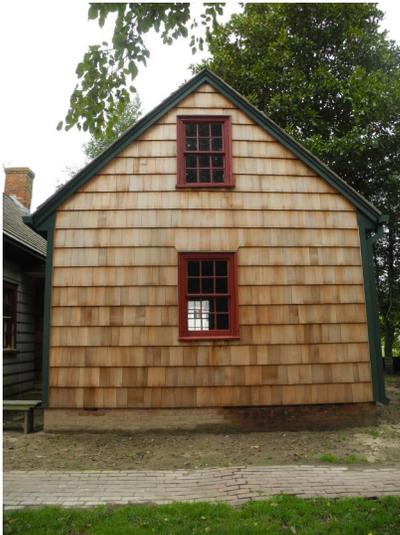


7. Doctor's Office

Greek Revival

c. 1850

One story, one bay, frame with wood clapboard siding; gable roof with pediment front; full façade porch with wood Doric column supports and dentil cornice; double hung sash windows with wood trim; central wood paneled door.



8. Blacksmith Shop

Vernacular

c. 1885

One-and-a-half stories, two bays, frame with cedar shingle siding; gable roof with wood shingles; double hung sash windows; wood plank door; connected via covered walkway to the Ellegood House and the Thompson Country Store.



9. Early Plank House

Early Vernacular

c. 1740

One-and-a-half stories, one bay, plank with wood shingles in gable end; gable roof with cedar shingles; casement window; wood plank door with large strap hinges.

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